75th Anniversary Services

1884-1959

First Lutheran Church

ASTORIA, OREGON

Sunday, November 15, 1959

H. Storaasli, Pastor

Anniversary Festival Service

11:00 A. M.

Organ Prelude ..... Miss Helen Nygaard

Hymn No. 149 .....

Altar Service ..... (Remain standing until after the Collect)

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The Introit ..... p. 17
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The Festive Sermon ..... Dr. H. L. Foss

Senior Choir Anthem ..... E. Barnard, Director

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(Remain standing for prayers of the church)

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Lord's Prayer (by all) .....

Hymn No. 443 .....

Salutation and Benediction ..... p. 39-40 (Stand)

Three-fold Amen .....

Silent Prayer .....

Postlude .....

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. Psalm I; 1, 2.

Dedicatory Service

3:00 P. M.

Organ Prelude ..... Miss Helen Nygaard

Opening Word ..... Rev. H. Storaasli

Opening Prayer ..... Rev. L. Bloom

Hymn No. 516 .....

Liturgicals ..... Rev. T. Neste

Prayer
Scripture
Confession of Faith

Junior Choir Anthem .....

The Dedicatory Sermon ..... Dr. H. L. Foss

Vocal Solo, "The Lord's Prayer" ..... Mr. Dan Hall

The Rite of Dedication ..... Dr. H. L. Foss

Greetings

Mr. A. C. Swanson, Astoria City Commissioner
Rev. W. E. Putnam, President Astoria Ministerial Association
Rev. T. Neste, former pastor, 1906-21
Rev. L. Kutz, interim pastor, 1948
Mrs. T. Gulhaugen, wife of former pastor, 1936-48
Rev. L. Bloom, representative, Columbia Circuit
Mrs. O. Munson, District WMF president

Senior Choir Anthem .....

Announcements .....

Dedicatory Offering .....

Hymn No. 192 .....

Liturgicals ..... Rev. L. Kutz

Closing Prayer
Benediction

Three-fold Amen .....

Silent Prayer .....

Postlude .....

Immediately after the dedicatory service, refreshments will be served in the church parlors. A cordial welcome is extended to all. Following this, we will all go in procession to the new parsonage which will then be opened and made accessable for inspection.

Today, we of the congregation of First Lutheran, look back 75 years. There are none among us to give an eye-witness account of that which actually transpired in the pioneer days of the congregation's incorporated year of 1884. But we have the records. From these, and from both pastors and people alike, we learn of faith, love of God's Word and God's Church. We learn of Christian fortitude and perseverence even in the face of severest trials and difficulties. We learn of "fear and trembling" as God in Christ uses sinful and mortal man to make known His mighty salvation to the sons of Adam. It is upon these foundations that the congregation of First Lutheran and all other Christian congregations have been established.

In our generation can we of the church today do any less? As a congregation it is our privilege today to commemorate 75 years of congregational life. In a world of evil, sin and death it is only by the grace of God that we have not been consumed. But it is upon this same grace of God that we build today and it is this same grace which gives us Gospel assurances for the things which lie ahead. With this thought in mind, let us all be inspired to write new Gospel records even as the Lord gives to each this opportunity.

PASTORS THROUGH THE YEARS

Emil Christensen, 1877-79, (Ellefson, Bull, Carlson, Hoikka) H. Engh 1884, Hove 1890, Levorsen 1891, Neissen 1893, Tonnesen 1894-96, O. M. Holden 1897, H. W. Sorenson, Aaberg, T. Neste 1906-21, C. Losen 1921-27, M. A. Christensen 1927-36, T. Gulhaugen 1936-48, and H. Storaasli 1948-.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

In September of 1954 we dedicated our new church edifice. Today we dedicate the new church parsonage. May we say again today that which was said then — a hearty and sincere thanks for all gifts and effort which have enabled us to terminate the building program of the church. In a very special way we acknowledge again the fine services of Albert Mittet, Astoria building contractor, who not only assisted the congregation so wonderfully in the completion of the church edifice but who also designed and brought to completion the new parsonage. Both structures will stand as a real tribute to his ability and his willingness to apply that ability in the building areas of our church life. Again a hearty thanks to all.